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**Department of Natural Resources
Tabling of Information in the House of Assembly
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The funds expended for Abitibi related work from the Department of Natural Resources budget totaled \$6,916,706.80 in 2009-10.

This number differs from the value of \$8,319,000 in the Estimates document for two reasons. First, the value presented in the Estimates document was an estimate of total expenditures to be made from that allocation as of February 2010; this is not an end-of-year amount. Secondly, the budget allocation also includes expenditures made by the department on other non-Abitibi related professional services. These expenses relate primarily to the department hosting the national conference of Mines and Energy Ministers in September 2009.

The Abitibi-related costs covered by the Department of Natural Resources were related to work carried out by the following companies:

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. WeirFoulds LLP | \$3,800,801.35 |
| 2. Skadden ARPS SLA | \$175,905.70 |
| 3. Conestoga-Rovers and Associates | \$2,343,143.20 |
| 4. Navigant Consulting | \$596,856.55 |

WeirFoulds provided legal advice and represented Government on matters related to the expropriation of assets, CCAA and NAFTA. Skadden was retained to provide legal advice on Abitibi's US bankruptcy protection proceedings. Conestoga-Rovers and Associates completed independent environmental assessments on all former Abitibi sites. Navigant Consulting provided financial services in relation to the Abitibi file.

**ABITIBI
LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS**

| FIRM | 2009-10 | | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Invoice # | Date | Amount |
| Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) | 186004 | Sep. 9, 2009 | 288,750.94 |
| | 186589 | Sep. 30, 2009 | 288,709.26 |
| | 187588 | Oct. 22, 2009 | 723,189.91 |
| | 188697 | Nov. 27, 2009 | 879,093.91 |
| | 189766 | Dec. 22, 2009 | 109,506.47 |
| | 191922 | Feb. 23, 2010 | 36,422.72 |
| | 192445 | Mar. 12, 2010 | 17,469.99 |
| | TOTAL - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates | | |
| Navigant Consulting | 286246 | Oct. 21, 2009 | 98,326.14 |
| | 276764-A | June 24, 2009 | 3,247.50 |
| | 276764-B | June 24, 2009 | 38,744.05 |
| | 279149 | July 29, 2009 | 51,562.68 |
| | 282085 | Aug. 27, 2009 | 11,277.36 |
| | 283579 | Sep. 16, 2009 | 14,589.86 |
| | 288084 | Nov. 13, 2009 | 94,375.09 |
| | 290320 | Dec. 21, 2009 | 172,923.32 |
| | 292502 | Jan. 13, 2010 | 108,760.55 |
| | 299597 | Apr. 9, 2010 | 3,050.00 |
| TOTAL - Navigant Consulting | | | 596,856.55 |
| Skadden ARPS SLA | 1270833 | July 9, 2009 | 39,801.78 |
| | 1289534 | Nov. 17, 2009 | 136,103.92 |
| TOTAL - Skadden ARPS SLA | | | 175,905.70 |
| Weirfoulds | 185230 | Apr. 14, 2009 | 136,371.91 |
| | 186438 | May 26, 2009 | 209,839.23 |
| | 187266 | Jun. 24, 2009 | 340,147.28 |
| | 188209 | Jul. 23, 2009 | 267,962.97 |
| | 189568 | Sep. 18, 2009 | 253,358.37 |
| | 188934 | Aug. 21, 2009 | 252,035.02 |
| | 190550 | Oct. 22, 2009 | 344,405.08 |
| | 191360 | Nov. 20, 2009 | 488,919.32 |
| | 192358 | Dec. 23, 2009 | 518,618.84 |
| | 193077 | Jan. 21, 2010 | 207,605.58 |
| | 193743 | Feb. 18, 2010 | 399,682.31 |
| | 194809 | Apr. 8, 2010 | 381,855.44 |
| | TOTAL - Weirfoulds | | |

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